

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**WSF Advisory Committee**

**Thermopolis, WY**

**September 27-28, 2006**

**Holiday Inn of the Waters**

**September 27, 2006 - 4 p.m.**

Chairperson Tammy Barkhurst welcomed members and WSF staff to the Fall meeting of the Wyoming State Fair Advisory Committee, noting that this would be Barney Cosner's last official meeting as Director of the Wyoming State Fair. Members and staff in attendance were: Tammy Barkhurst, Dudley Booth, Criss Crozier, Howard Gernant, Ron Pulse, RetaJo Puntenev, Bryce Reece, Jim Schiermiester, Kenny Taylor, Barney Cosner, WSF Director, Vicki Rupert, WSF Assistant Director, and Darlene Hageman, WSF. WDA Director John Etchepare arrived at approximately 5:30 p.m. Absent was Johnathan Despain.

The minutes of the August 19, 2006, Advisory Committee meeting were distributed. Jim Schiermiester moved to approve the minutes as presented. Bryce Reece seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

The 2006 Fair Fact report was reviewed (Attachment A). Director Cosner requested that the future Entertainment Schedule be reviewed very closely.

Cosner stated that the 2006 WSF went well overall even though the drought and fires did affect attendance at this venue that continues to attract a rural audience. He noted that the Carnival is an important attraction at the WSF and that we need to be aware that Crabtree may not always be available. There were numerous other unique situations that arose in 2006 that Cosner has not experienced before in his career, including entertainers that backed out at the last moment and judges that cancelled.

Discussion followed on the current and future operational expenses. It was noted that the bill for increased electrical service in the Pavilion during the 2006 WSF was greater than \$30,000, and the more that is done to improve and expand facilities, the greater the cost. The City has recently announced a proposed 33% increase in utility and service fees to the larger users, including WSF. The Advisory Committee was challenged to consider alternatives for helping to offset the increase in costs—questions to consider include whether the increases should be passed on to WSF users or whether services/activities should be eliminated. State Fair has not had a major increase in operational budget since 1995.

There was considerable discussion regarding the Beer Garden and the potential for closing it down sometime in the near future.

Director Cosner stated that contracts for livestock judges are written for \$175-200 per day of judging depending on the size of the show. The total contract amount includes an allowance for travel expense, lodging, and per diem for the two days of travel plus the days of judging.

The 95<sup>th</sup> Wyoming State Fair is scheduled for August 11-18, 2007, and the theme is "Hooray for the Red, White and Moo". During considerable discussion regarding admission prices and the scheduling of State Fair events and exhibits that are available for public attendance/viewing the first weekend of State Fair, Director Cosner stated that there are people who think State Fair should be advertised as held Tuesday through Saturday. Bryce Reece moved to set the cost of daily grounds admission at \$5.00 per person per day from Tuesday, August 14, through Saturday, August 18, and to set the cost of the Season Pin at \$20.00 through August 1 and \$30.00 after August 1.

(Note: the Season Pin is a special edition, commemorative pin good only for grounds admission.)  
Seconded by Criss Crozier. The motion unanimously carried.

Bryce Reece moved to set the campground fees for 2007 at \$25.00 per night or \$125.00 for the week (8 nights) and to promote the weekly fee as a \$200.00 value. Ron Pulse seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

Staff stated that Contracts for Manpower, Security, Cafeteria, Wood Shavings, and Electrical, Heating & Air Conditioning will all be re-bid for 2007 due to increases in costs for these services.

Discussion ensued on commercial vendor issues. There is a contingent of vendors that claim vendors are not coming to WSF because WSF is charging too much and raising prices every year. These vendors would like a say-so in how prices are set and have suggested that vendor fees be cut in half in an effort to encourage additional vendors. The consensus was that any group with such concerns is welcome and encouraged to present their thoughts/ideas to the WSFAC for consideration and their recommendations for change. Staff was encouraged to continue to monitor and address any concerns. Attachment B is a chart illustrating commercial vendor fees from 2001 through 2006. Staff noted that campground fees and vendor fees are basically breakeven for WSF.

The Grandstand Entertainment Schedule was discussed. The intent is to use the Grandstand arena all day each day of the WSF. Criss Crozier moved to replace the feature concert with other grandstand entertainment. Jim Schiermiester seconded. Voting aye were Dudley Booth, Criss Crozier, Howard Gernant, Ron Pulse, RetaJo Puntaney, Jim Schiermiester, and Kenny Taylor. Voting nay was Bryce Reece. The motion carried. A feature concert will not be scheduled in 2007.

Director Cosner presented facts and issues related to the on-going changes in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn. (PRCA), including the replacement of the WPRA with PRCA's own women's barrel racing division (PWRA) and PRCA's requirement for \$1 million liability insurance (WSF has \$500,000 liability coverage as a State Agency). Bryce Reece moved to replace the PRCA-sanctioned rodeo with a rodeo conducted by the Wyoming Rodeo Association or other venue. Ron Pulse seconded. The motion unanimously carried. Bryce Reece offered to make contacts for a clown for a Miniature Bull Riding event. A motion was duly made and seconded to replace the PRCA Extreme Bulls on Thursday night with the PBR Challenger series. Voting aye were Dudley Booth, Criss Crozier, Bryce Reece, Howard Gernant, Ron Pulse, RetaJo Puntaney and Kenny Taylor. Voting nay was Jim Schiermiester. The motion carried.

The following is the 2006 Grandstand Entertainment Schedule and the proposed Grandstand Entertainment Schedule for 2007:

<b>2006</b>	<b>Day/Date/Time</b>	<b>2007</b>
Antique Tractor Show and Pull	Friday, August 10, p.m.	Antique Tractor Show and Pull
Sheep Dog Trial	Saturday, August 11, a.m.	Sheep Dog Trial
Demolition Derby	Saturday, August 11, p.m.	Demolition Derby
Open	Sunday, August 12, a.m.	Open
Hot Rod Garden Tractor Pull	Sunday, August 12, p.m.	Miniature Bull Riding or Miniature Chuck Wagon Races
Ranch Horse Contest	Monday, August 12, a.m.	Ranch Horse Contest
Ranch Rodeo	Monday, August 12, p.m.	Ranch Rodeo

County Golf Cart Challenge	Tuesday, August 15, a.m.	Open
Pig N Mud Wrestling	Tuesday, August 15, p.m.	Pig N Mud Wrestling
Wyoming Ropefest	Wed., August 16, a.m.	Wyoming Ropefest
Wyoming Ropefest	Wed., August 16, p.m.	Wyoming Ropefest
<b>2006</b>	<b>Day/Date/Time</b>	<b>2007</b>
PRCA Steer Roping	Thursday, August 17, a.m.	PRCA Steer Roping – sanctioned separately
PRCA Extreme Bulls	Thursday, August 17, p.m.	PBR Challenger Series
PRCA Slack	Friday, August 18, a.m.	WRA or other venue slack
PRCA Rodeo	Friday, August 18, p.m.	WRA or other venue rodeo
Rubber Chicken Race	Saturday, August 19, a.m.	Rubber Chicken Race
PRCA Rodeo	Saturday, August 19, p.m.	WRA or other venue rodeo

Kenny Taylor moved to adjourn until 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2006. Howard Gernant seconded. The motion unanimously carried. WDA Director expressed appreciation to Bryce Reece for his input during the meeting. Bryce will be unable to attend the Thursday meeting due to family commitments.

#### **September 28, 2006 – 7:30 a.m.**

Chairperson Tammy Barkhurst opened the meeting at 7:30 a.m. Members and staff in attendance were: Tammy Barkhurst, Dudley Booth, Criss Crozier, Johnathan Despain, Howard Gernant, Ron Pulse, RetaJo Puntene, Jim Schiermiester, Kenny Taylor, Barney Cosner, WSF Director, Vicki Rupert, WSF Assistant Director, and Darlene Hageman, WSF. Also present were WDA Director John Etchepare and Wyoming Board of Agriculture youth representative Emily Horton. Absent was Bryce Reece. Les Barkhurst was also a guest in attendance for a brief time. (It was duly noted that Vicki arrived at the meeting before Howard!)

Chairperson Barkhurst acknowledged receipt of reports from 2006 WSF Show Superintendents and Coordinators. Staff was asked to clarify Bobbi Jo Heald's concerns regarding the market animal weigh-ins and location of scales.

#### **General Update:**

Following brief discussion, it was decided that the hours of opening for all Exhibit buildings during the 2007 WSF are as follows:

- 12 noon to 8 p.m., daily, Monday through Thursday; and
- 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

It was suggested that consideration be given to purchasing additional boots for security to apply to vehicles parked in undesignated areas.

There has been a request for 24-hour Animal Health Check-In for rodeo related dates. The format for Animal Health check-in will remain the same as it was in 2006 noting that inspectors are generally available by cell phone as needed after regular hours.

A recommendation was accepted to drop the Legislators Charity Show from the schedule for 2007 because of conflicts in scheduling and a perceived lack of interest on the part of those who are invited to participate.

Only the Open Show premium list (Competitive Events Guide) will be printed for 2007.

Both the Open and the Junior Show premium lists (Competitive Events Guides) will be available on the State Fair website. Both books will also be available on Compact Discs for distribution to exhibitors. Twenty-five Open Show printed books, 25 cd's, and one copy of the Junior Show Book will be provided to each county for copying and distribution. A (to be determined) postage and handling fee will be charged to non-exhibitors who request copies of the printed Open Show Guide.

The potential for additional Creative and Home Arts Exhibitors from Western Nebraska and Western South Dakota was discussed. A news release will be prepared for distribution to those Nebraska and South Dakota counties that border Wyoming inviting and encouraging their participation in the Wyoming State Fair.

The entry deadline for all Open Class competitions in 2007 will be July 25.

Director Cosner reported that preliminary figures for the Financial Review of the 2006 Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo are very, very rough. Julie Cook, WDA Budget Manager, will send out an accurate report when it is finalized, probably in January, 2007.

The primary concern expressed about the FairPlus! Computer Program this year was the possibility that some key personnel who are most familiar with this program may be retiring within the next several years.

Golf Cart policies were discussed briefly. There are those that still insist on bringing four-wheelers and don't understand why WSF staff can use four-wheelers but exhibitors cannot. The F.A.I.R. organization has requested that the golf cart they donate for use by the Outstanding 4-H Agent be kept in the possession/control of the recipient at all times or the award may be discontinued.

Staff reported that State Fair had to contract for Ambulance Service fees this year as the Ambulance Service has been transferred from Converse County to Memorial Hospital. The cost was over \$4,000. Having an ambulance on hand for the horse shows and rodeos is a requirement set forth by those programs. A suggestion was made to add an ambulance assessment to horse show entry fees. Staff will review the State Statutes to determine the legal requirement for having an ambulance available when crowds are gathered in one location.

### **Department Discussion:**

**Creative And Home Arts** – the entry deadline will remain July 25.

The Fine Arts Department continually fine-tunes the classifications/divisions/payouts with a goal of maintaining a stable number of classes—if a class is added, a class must be removed.

The Crafted Arts Department is in a state of fine-tuning and modifying classes to meet the changes in crafted art categories. Crafted Art, Needlework, and Boy and Girl Scout exhibits will be maintained in Upper Ag Hall in 2007. Needlework especially appreciated the extra space; Crafted Arts liked being with Needlework; and the Boy and Girl Scout exhibits were much more visible.

The Culinary and Floriculture/Horticulture Departments maintain the status quo.

### **Open Livestock Shows**

The entry deadline will remain July 25. Late fees will apply to all entries postmarked after this date. Please note: Feature Breeds are specified in an effort to increase participation—the feature breeds receive extra premiums and promotional items and the premier exhibitor receives a belt buckle.

### **Beef Cattle**

The following Open Beef Cattle changes were put in place for 2006 and it was recommended that they be maintained for 2007: the Pen of 5 Commercial Heifer Show date was moved to Wednesday and the Pen of 5 yearling heifers classes were split after arrival. The sliding

scale for beef premiums was modified with the largest payout in classes of 15 or more. All

Commercial and Club Calf Grand Champion Bulls and Females competed for Supreme Champion Bull and Female.

It was recommended that the sand-to-dirt ratio in the Livestock Pavilion be improved. A suggestion was to consider using washed sand.

The Feature Beef Breed for 2007 will be Hereford.

### Equine

The overall Equine show schedule was discussed briefly. The WSFAC agreed to the request to add Dressage to the Equine Extravaganza schedule (August 16-18) and to maintain the sliding scale premium payouts. Concern was expressed over the increasing number of cattle needed for various Equine Shows and the difficulty in finding adequate numbers of cattle. The associations have been asked to reduce their numbers of classes needing cattle. Dudley Booth offered to check with the Madden Brothers to see if they would be willing to let their own cattle be used for these classes/shows during State Fair.

It was reported that Dorothy Rhodes is retiring as State Fair Quarter Horse Show Coordinator/Secretary. Generally the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association recommends possible replacements. This is a void that needs to be filled as quickly as possible.

The Feature Equine Breed for 2007 will be Quarter Horse.

### Goats

It has been suggested that WSF work with the Wyoming Dairy Goat Association to modify the dairy goat classification breeds; check-in times; show times/location. The Feature Breed for 2007 is to be determined in cooperation with WDGA.

The Board accepted the recommendation to retain the Mountain Regional American Boer Goat Assn. (ABGA) Show status for the eighth year and to continue Boer Goats as Feature Breed. The International Boer Goat Assn. (IBGA) Show will also be maintained for 2007.

Market Goat exhibitors/owners will continue to be reminded that Scrapie tags are required for all goats. This USDA regulation regarding scrapie tags will be emphasized and highlighted in the Animal Health Requirements. In addition, exhibitors will be reminded that their goats must have scrapie tags or they will be turned away at animal health check-in—no tag, no entrance, no exhibit!

### Sheep

The Sheep Lead Contest will again be held in the Event Tent as requested.

Custom belt buckles will continue to be awarded to the Supreme Ram and Supreme Ewe; however, a sponsor is still needed for the buckles which cost approximately \$150.00 each.

All sheep are also required by the USDA to have scrapie tags. Sheep not having scrapie tags will be turned away at animal health check-in—no tags, no entrance, no exhibit. This requirement will be emphasized and highlighted in the Animal Health Guidelines.

It was suggested that the Feature Breed for 2007 be Columbia; however, there was some concern expressed that this might not be effective since the National Columbia Sheep Show and Sale is scheduled to be held in the Show Center at WSF Park in June, 2007, with an anticipation of 300 animals.

## Swine

It was suggested that a different format be considered to encourage participation in the Open Performance Pork Contest. All information regarding this contest should be distributed from the University (Dr. Means/Dr. Paisley) to the leadership in both the 4-H and FFA organizations.

## Other Open Shows

It was noted that the 2007 WSF Hay Show was the largest ever. It was recommended that Scott Keith and the Hay Show committee be allowed to modify classes reflective of RFQ.

Due to increasing interest in Open Dog Agility Competition, it was suggested that the grassy area west of the museum be used and the competition scheduled the opening weekend to avoid conflicts.

The Sheep Dog Trials scheduled on the first Saturday and the Stock Dog Cattle Trials scheduled on Monday continue to attract a lot of interest from exhibitors.

## Junior Show

It was agreed to maintain the entry deadline for Sunday at 1:00 p.m. as done in 2006.

Steve Schafer and Milt Green representing the State 4-H Horse Show Committee, have been advised by Director Cosner that State Fair will not bring in any cattle for use by the Junior Horse Show competitors.

Director Cosner reported that the new laser printed plaques were well received. He expressed concern over the money that is wasted printing awards where there is no competition. A suggestion was made to have generic plaques be printed for the Junior Dairy Show and to have year plates engraved for attaching to the Horse Show plaques.

The proposal to add a Team Fitting Contest beginning with the 2007 Wyoming State Fair was discussed at length. Corrections have been made to the handout that was distributed at this meeting. See Attachment C for the corrected proposal which will also be mailed out separately to WSFAC members.

The Wyoming Cattle Women have proposed adding Beef Ambassador Program—the Cattle Women would handle all of the details which would include speech and essay contests. It was suggested that the Contests could be held in the Pioneer Museum and the speeches could be presented at Cattleman's Day activities or the Wyoming Livestock Roundup gathering. Wendy Harding is the contact person for the Wyoming Cattle Women.

Following brief discussion of the Junior Dairy Show, Ron Pulse moved to suspend the Junior Dairy Show at the Wyoming State Fair. Johnathan Despain seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

The WSFAC agreed to maintain the Champion of Champions Contests for Market Swine; Market Lambs; and Market Beef, and to add Market Goats in 2007.

Discussion was held on eliminating the Junior Jackpot Shows and replacing with Bred, Fed and Owned Contests. Johnathan Despain moved to delete the Junior Jackpot Shows. Jim Schiermiester seconded. Voting aye were: Dudley Booth, Criss Crozier, Johnathan Despain, Howard Gernant, RetaJo Puntney, Jim Schiermiester and Kenny Taylor. Voting nay was Ron



Pulse. The motion carried. There will be no Junior Jackpot Shows at the 2007 Wyoming State Fair. Director Cosner stated that the Bred, Fed and Owned (BFO) Market Hog Contest was added in 2006 as another means to keep the kids busy during Fair week. In 2007, there will be Bred, Fed and Owned Market Swine, Market Lamb, Market Beef and Market Goat Contests. An important consideration is to specify the means of verifying ownership, especially brand clarification for the market beef.

A reminder will be sent to all Wyoming County Fairs, Extension Offices and FFA Chapters/Advisors regarding the USDA requirement that all market lambs and market goats are to have scrapies tags.

Director Cosner reviewed notes from a July meeting at which the lamb tail docking requirement was discussed. He noted that he has heard that the Wyoming Club Lamb Association (WCLA) is planning a Sheep Fun Day in 2007, possibly during the Wyoming State Fair. Several issues were discussed regarding the use and/or lack of use of the Veterinary Certification Form for lamb tail docking. The forms have in some cases been signed off on without the vet having actually seen the lamb(s); some lambs went through that were x-rayed after the fact and had only 2½ vertebrae; and the vets feel that they are being put to a disadvantage.

The Wyoming Wool Growers Assn., through Bryce Reece, has recommended the following solution: maintain the general format of a minimum of three coccygeal vertebrae and plan to x-ray the top six market lambs—the Champion and Reserve Champion black-face, speckle-face, and white face lambs. If the lambs conform, they move forward; if not, the lamb(s) are disqualified and no other lambs move into those places. It was suggested that the Champion of Champions market lambs also be x-rayed. Kenny Taylor moved to x-ray the top six market lambs and to drop the certification program. Jim Schiermiester seconded. The motion was unanimous. Note: this information will be printed in the Competitive Events Guide. All awards will be withheld for these animals until the results of the x-rays are received. Criss Crozier moved that the same wording from Paragraph 9 (regarding Disqualification) be printed in both the Open and Junior Competitive Events Guides for 2007. Kenny Taylor seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

The WSFAC approved hiring an official livestock photographer through the bid process.

It was noted that scheduling the Youth Honor Awards program during State Fair continues to be problematic. A suggestion was presented to have the WSFAC member in the district hosting the convention for the DECA, FCCLA, FBLA, FFA, or 4-H organizations assume responsibility, in cooperation with State Fair staff, for recognizing the existing leadership team of each of those organizations. There is a potential to need representation at three separate conventions.

Discussion followed regarding the withholding of awards/fees and additional penalties of those Youth (4-H, FFA, Junior Show) exhibitors not complying with established eligibility guidelines. All guidelines should be printed in the Competitive Events Guide (Premium Book).

Johnathan Despain moved to use the Wyoming High School Athletics Association (WHSAA) Participant Eligibility Rules and Regulations as a guide for establishing the guidelines for loss of premiums/awards and loss of eligibility to participate in current and future Wyoming State Fairs in the event of infractions. Seconded by Jim Schiermiester. The motion unanimously carried. (See Attachment D). It was noted that State Fair guidelines must be clearly spelled out and printed in the Competitive Events Guide. A copy of the guidelines is to be sent to Johnathan Despain and Ron Pulse as soon as finalized. Ron Pulse stated that the FFA organization has

established a new code of ethics for their membership which has been incorporated into their constitution.

In reference to the two violators from 2006, a letter is to be sent to their respective school principals as well as to Ron Pulse with the violations specifically spelled out, the possible penalty for non-compliance stated and a face-to-face meeting suggested. Specifically discussed was a situation in which an Advisor blatantly refused numerous requests to cease fitting an exhibitor's animal. It was suggested that in such cases, the adult/educator be notified that they would be placed on probation for the next two years. If future violations are observed by State Fair staff or the WSFAC, the adult/educator may be banned from State Fair. Other suggestions included: print the fitting policy and the enforcement procedure in red in the Competitive Events Guide; put the advisors/agents on notice that they will receive a warning for the first infraction and that the second infraction will result in dismissal from WSF; provide a handout to all exhibitors, parents, advisors, and agents at check-in outlining the fitting policy and the enforcement procedure. It was also emphasized that the WSFAC must provide back-up to the Superintendents and any WSFAC member assigned to the Beef Barn in enforcing the fitting policy.

It was also suggested that all protests that are filed be confidential to minimize intimidation. The consensus of the WSFAC was that the protest procedure in 2007 would remain the same as it was in 2006.

Following discussion regarding the electrician who took it upon himself to modify the electrical outlets (boxes) in the Livestock Pavilion and created a potentially hazardous situation, Jim Schiermiester moved to have State Fair staff pursue a recommendation from the Attorney General's Office to determine what ramifications may be available to deal with this situation and how similar situations can be handled in the future. Kenny Taylor seconded. The motion unanimously carried. It was suggested that the situation be explained and to request a remedy—ideas presented included restricting access to State buildings or issuing a restraining order.

#### **4-H**

The entry deadline will remain Sunday at 1:00 p.m. as done in 2006. The 4-H Contests at the Wyoming State Fair will now include Intermediate divisions, along with Junior and Senior divisions, to complement the added 4-H intermediate division in these areas.

#### **FFA**

The entry deadline will remain Sunday at 1:00 p.m. as done in 2006.

An FFA workday is proposed in late spring or early summer for painting of the logo in Fort Laramie, etc.

The recommendation to eliminate the FFA Dairy Judging contest was accepted.

Johnathan Despain and Ron Pulse stated that the Youth Advisors have requested a live band for the youth dance. Despain and Pulse will also be discussing a change in the curfew to 10:30 p.m. every evening and will notify State Fair as soon as possible of their decision so the new time can be printed in the Competitive Events Guide.

#### **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts**

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts exhibits were moved to Upper Ag Hall as part of the Crafted Arts display, which was a well-received change. It is hoped that participation will continue

to increase.

### **Improvements Completed**

Director Cosner reported that the new bathhouse/restroom has been completed to replace Cowboy/Cowgirl bathrooms in the west campground. Board of Ag member Helen Jones was complimented for her incredible efforts on the very successful Living Legacy program, noting that over 70 trees have been purchased and planted to date and that donations continue to be received.

It was reported that the updates to the Ag and Natural Resources Building include improved flooring in the CommuniComm Building.

The upgrades to the electrical in the Dairy Barn have been completed and the goal is to add window coverings and turn this building into a small animal forum for junior rabbit and poultry exhibits. It was suggested that the Dairy Barn Annex could be used for the beef cattle fitting area and eliminate all fitting chutes from the Pavilion.

### **Construction Update:**

The WSFAC was invited to attend the construction meeting regarding the Equine Stalling Facility, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on October 4.

### **Proposed Improvements for 2007:**

- Electrical upgrade for Ag Hall; air conditioning for Upper Ag Hall, Fort Caspar, Fort Fetterman, and Fort Reno.
- Resurface and seal floors in Upper Ag Hall and Fort Reno.
- Re-roof Fort Steele and Rotary Building.
- Asphalt paving improvements; Ingress/Egress review.
- Storage space requests for Fort Steele – all of the old mattresses have been removed and Fort Steele is now freed up for storage.

### **Other Business:**

Darlene was asked to mail out the 2007 Committee Assignment Request form as soon as possible.

WDA Director Etchepare addressed the WSFAC regarding the process for selecting a new State Fair Director. There are currently about 14 applications; the position will now be at-will; the ultimate selection will be made by Governor Freudenthal and Director Etchepare. There are many people who have asked to be on the Selection Committee: tentative plans are to identify 10-12 people to include John Etchepare, Karen Everett, the new WDA Deputy Director, at least one member from WSFAC, a WSF staff member, a representative from the City of Douglas and the CANDO organization, a Board of Ag member, and a representative from both 4-H and FFA. It was suggested that the WSFAC meet via Conference Call as soon as the finalists are identified and then have another face-to-face meeting once the appointment has been made.

WSFAC asked that the F.A.I.R. organization be reminded that they are in place to provide support to WSF only and are not meant to be a policy-making group. This group should receive

any/all input provided to them, review any recommendations and then present their recommendations to the WSFAC.

WSF Director Barney Cosner thanked everyone for the tremendous opportunity that has been afforded to him during his past eight years as Director of the Wyoming State Fair and for the opportunity to expose his son to the great set of facilities at State Fair Park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Darlene Hageman*

# **ATTACHMENT A**

To the Minutes of the Fall Meeting of the  
Wyoming State Fair Advisory Committee  
September 27-28, 2006

## 2006 WYOMING STATE FAIR AND RODEO FAIR FACT REPORT (with additional comments)

**Report Date:** prepared September 18, 2006; updated September 27, 2006

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Fair Theme: “**Barn TO BE Wild**”

2007 Fair Dates: August 11 through August 18, 95th Edition

2008 Fair Dates: August 9 through August 16, 96th Edition

Paid Attendance: *(Figures not yet available)* (preliminary, non-audited figures)  
Attendance was down from 2005 paid attendance of 43,284.

Gate Admission: Free Admission – 7 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Monday)  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Tuesday-Thursday) Adults - \$3.00  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Friday-Saturday) Adults - \$5.00  
Children ages 8 and under – free with paid adult  
Seniors 62 and over - \$1.00 on Wyoming Pioneer Day (Thursday)

Concert Pricing: No Paid Feature Concert in 2006

All Other Events: \$8.00 to \$10.00 (included fair gate admission)

Pay One Price: \$20.00 Season Pass (daily gate admission and collectible pin)

Special Gate \*Pepsi Can Promo – 6 cans for an \$8.00 Monday afternoon, August 14 Ranch Rodeo ticket.

Promotions and Discounts: \*Casper Star Tribune – Masthead Discount on Tuesday, August 15  
\*Converse County Day/Gubbels Ford/Chrysler wristband – free gate admission on Wednesday, August 16

Parking: \$45.00 for On-Grounds Season Parking (8 days)  
Complimentary Pepsi Parking Lot for guests

Guest Hours: Grounds – 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Exhibit Buildings – 12 noon to 8 p.m., Monday – Thursday  
11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday

Carnival Provider: Crabtree Amusements, Staples, Texas  
 Carnival gross income was up over 2005 (preliminary, non-audited figures.)  
Special Midway \*\$50.00 Mega Ride Pass - unlimited carnival rides all week;  
 includes grounds and admission daily.

Promotions and Discounts: \*Tuesday, August 15 – Kid’s Night, all kiddie rides \$1.00 each all day rides  
 all day  
 \*Wednesday, August 16 – Youth Day - \$18.00 wristband for unlimited rides, 1:00  
 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
 \*Saturday, August 19 - \$20.00 for unlimited rides all day

Weather Conditions:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Temperatures</u>	<u>Conditions/Humidity</u>	<u>Wind</u>
Friday, August 11	High 95 – Low 57	Clear	10-15 mph
Saturday, August 12	High 82 – Low 55	Clear	25 mph
Sunday, August 13	High 77 – Low 52	Clear	35 mph
Monday, August 14	High 89 - Low 53	Clear	10 mph
Tuesday, August 15	High 91 - Low 51	Clear	10 mph
Wednesday, August 16	High 88 - Low 59	Clear	15-20 mph
Thursday, August 17	High 91 - Low 57	Showers in forecast	10-15 mph
Friday, August 18	High 78 - Low 55	Partly cloudy	20 mph
Saturday, August 19	High 84 - Low 55	Clear	25 mph
Sunday, August 20	High 91 - Low 51	Clear	10-20 mph

Special Attractions: (Includes Free Acts, Strolling Entertainment, Special Stages, Etc.)

*Hedrick’s Exotic Petting Zoo	*Hedrick’s Pig Races	*Pippi the Clown
*The Younger Brothers	*Alan Sands, Hypnotist	*Arm/WristWrestling
*Rubber Chicken Race	*Magic Man	*Dance Heads
*Wyoming Idol Contest	*DooWah Riders special appearance	
*Moosebutter	*Joe Kissack Band	

FeaturedGrandstand

Entertainment: ***No Feature Concert in 2006***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Paid Admission</u>	<u>Attendance Change</u>
August 11, 7 p.m.	Antique Tractor Show and Pull Show	Yes	Up
August 12, 7 p.m.	Demolition Derby	Yes	Up
August 13, 3 p.m.	Hot Rod Garden Tractor Pull	Yes	New Event
August 14, 8 a.m.	Ranch Horse Contest	No	Participation increasing – Growing out of time allotted.
August 14, 3 p.m.	Ranch Rodeo	Yes	Down
August 15, 7 p.m.	Pig ‘n Mud Wrestling	Yes	Down
August 16, 11 a.m.	Wyoming RopeFest	No	Unknown
August 17, 7 p.m.	PRCA Extreme Bulls	Yes	Could do better on Sat. night.
August 18, 7 p.m.	PRCA Rodeo	Yes	Down
August 19, 7 p.m.	PRCA Rodeo	Yes	Up

Note: The first weekend was “billed” as a Motor Sports Weekend. Money continues to be lost on every evening event. People want more entertainment but do not want to pay for it.

Talent Buyer(s): All done in house.

Exhibits: (Includes categories; percentage increase/decrease over 2005)

- \*All Open Livestock exhibits were down, while Open Wool exhibits were up compared to 2005.
- \*Culinary, Floriculture/Horticulture exhibits were up 4% and 82% respectively. Hay Show exhibits were up with a record 2006.
- \*Fine Arts exhibits were down from 2005.
- \*Junior Livestock Shows were up by 12% and the number of Junior exhibitors was up by 3%.
- \*FFA exhibits were down by 34% with exhibitor numbers up.
- \*4-H exhibits and exhibitors were up by 2% compared to 2005.
- \*Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts exhibits were displayed for the third year and on par with 2005.

Animal Health Inspection: The total number of animals checked in for animal health/veterinary certificates was 4,228.

Commercial and Food Booths: All available spaces sold out.

Analysis of 2006:

- \*Overall the 2006 Wyoming State Fair went well in spite of a regional outbreak of Vesicular Stomatitis which affected equine exhibits.
- \*New Multi Purpose Show Center and Livestock Pavilion were well received.
- \*New campground restroom/shower facility well-received.

A special thank you to each and every Wyoming State Fair Sponsor for making the 2006 Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo a success.

Special Plans or Changes for 2006:

- \*Theme will be “Hooray for the Red, White and Moo”.
- \*Emphasis on new exhibitors for the 95<sup>th</sup> Wyoming State Fair.
- \*Working on having Crabtree Amusements return for the seventh year; benefited the entire fair package in 2006.
- \*Continued facility improvements will begin over the next few months, especially the new Equine Stalling Facility.
- \*Maintain emphasis on tree planting on grounds and more guest relaxation areas with seating.

***Additional notes/comments/points for consideration expressed at the Advisory Committee meeting on September 27, 2006:***

- \*The Wyoming State Fair is the smallest State Fair in the smallest City in the smallest State in the Union.
- \*The Casper Star Tribune and Converse County Day gate admission promotional activities do not seem to generate a lot of interest.
- \*At this time, Crabtree Amusements is pretty sure they will return with their Carnival again in 2007. They are now the official carnival at the Colorado State Fair. They currently are allowed to retain the first \$40,000 in sales; however this may need to be increased to \$50,000.



## **ATTACHMENT B**

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## WSF VENDOR FEES

2001

COVERED COMMERCIAL 10X10	\$175.00
MIDWAY 20X35	\$200.00
FOOD COURT	\$1,400.00
IMPULSE	\$550.00
FARM AND RANCH 50X35	\$225.00

2002

COVERED COMMERCIAL 10X10	\$200.00
MIDWAY 20X35	\$250.00
FOOD COURT	\$1,500.00
IMPULSE	\$600.00
FARM AND RANCH	\$300.00

2003

COVERED COMMERCIAL 10X10	\$250.00
MIDWAY 20X35	\$300.00
FOOD COURT	\$1,500.00
IMPULSE	\$600.00
FARM AND RANCH	\$400.00

2004

COVERED COMMERCIAL 10X10	\$275.00
MIDWAY 20X35	\$330.00
FOOD COURT	\$1,600.00
GRANDSTAND	\$1,700.00
IMPULSE	\$650.00
FARM AND RANCH	\$450.00

2005

COVERED COMMERCIAL 10X10	\$275.00
MIDWAY 20X35	\$330.00
FOOD COURT	\$1,600.00
GRANDSTAND	\$1,700.00
IMPULSE	\$650.00
FARM AND RANCH	\$450.00

2006

COVERED COMMERCIAL 10X10	\$275.00
MIDWAY 20X35	\$350.00
FOOD COURT	\$1,600.00
GRANDSTAND	\$1,800.00
IMPULSE	\$650.00
FARM AND RANCH	\$500.00

# **ATTACHMENT C**

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# 95<sup>th</sup> Wyoming State Fair

## August, 2007

### Wyoming Junior Show

### Kristi D. Barkhurst Memorial Beef Fitting Contest

Sponsored by: TBA (WSFAC Suggestions)

– NASCO, Casey Essert, Torrington;

Block N Bridle Clubs)

Superintendents: TBA

Announcer: TBA

Schedule: TBD

Wyoming Beef Cattle Fitting Contest

Regulations:

#### Entries:

This contest is open to one team per county. Each county is responsible for establishing the team selection process. There must be alternates for each team member (both gender and age). All teams must consist of exhibitors with eligible entries at the 2007 Wyoming State Fair. Each team must be comprised of the following member guidelines:

A. Each team member must be from the same county, properly enrolled and in good standing in their respective organizations (4-H or FFA).

B. Each team must be comprised of three members and at least one member of the opposite sex (i.e., two females/one male or two males/one female).

C. Each team must have at least one junior aged member (under the age of 13 as of June 1).

#### Contest Regulations:

A. Teams will compete in three preliminary heats. Entry numbers and heat selection will be assigned as entries are received.

B. Each heat will be 30 minutes in length. A ten minute warning will be given. At the end of the 30 minute allotted time, clippers are to be laid down, turned off and all work stopped.

C. The Wyoming State Fair Grooming Rules will be strictly enforced. (WSFAC Suggestions: grooming rules should be spelled out; all animals should be brought in wet.)

D. The animal to be fitted must be provided by the team, must be a valid entry at the 2007 Wyoming State Fair Junior Beef Show, and must be owned by one of the fitting team members.

(WSFAC Suggestions: use cattle provided by a purebred breeder for more uniformity; have team members draw for the animal to be fit; use steers or heifers, not choice).

E. Team members will be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

- Quality of workmanship.
- Team Skills: compatibility and organization.
- Compatibility (capability?) in the use of various types of clippers and other needed grooming equipment.

F. Teams will be evaluated by three judges. Neatness of individuals and grooming area will be taken into consideration.

- Animal
- Contestants
- Final Product
- WSFAC Suggestion: each team should be asked to answer a beef industry-related question.

### Contest Finals – Friday, August 17, 2007 Beef Show Arena

A. The top two (2) teams from each of the three preliminary grooming heats will compete in the Contest Finals. The winner of each heat will advance to the finals along with the teams with the next highest score in each heat.

B. All Contest Regulations in place for the preliminary heats will apply to the Contest Finals.

The following requirement will apply to the Finals only:

C. The animal to be fitted must be provided by the team members, come from the same county, be

an eligible entry at the 2007 Wyoming State Fair Junior Beef Show, and be a **different** animal from the one used in the preliminary heats.

D. All grooming products and tools will be provided by each team based on the checklist of approved/allowed fitting items, which is provided to each team. (***WSFAC Suggestions***: provide a Wyoming State Fair Beef Fitting Challenge Show Box and include approved fitting items for use by each team.)

E. The Contest Finals will be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

- a. Quality of workmanship.
- b. Team Skills: compatibility and organization; utilization of each team member.
- c. Compatibility (***capability?***) in the use of various types of clippers and grooming equipment.
- d. Showmanship component. The junior-aged member of each team will present the animal to the judges at the completion of the allotted time.

F. Teams will be evaluated by three judges. Neatness of individuals and grooming area will be taken into consideration.

- a. Animal
- b. Contestants
- c. Final Product
- d. ***WSFAC Suggestion***: each team should be asked to answer a beef industry-related question.

**NOTE: In case of a power outage in one or more chutes, a horn will be sounded and all work shall halt for all teams.**

#### **AWARDS:**

Overall Champion Team: TBA  
Reserve Champion Team: TBA  
Third Place Team: TBA  
Fourth Place Team: TBA  
Fifth Place Team: TBA

#### **Other WSFAC Suggestions/Comments:**

A. Contact Sullivans, the Dressing Room or other similar suppliers about the possibility of their donating fitting items and/or show boxes.

B. Recognize sponsors.

C. Make awards special – designate an award amount.

D. Use the money previously allotted to the County Golf Cart Challenge (\$1,000) as seed money for awards.

E. Location – use old dairy barn for “equal footing” for all teams.

F. Have two heats instead of three: All entries in the two heats – send top five to the Contest Finals.

G. Select judges from those with proven fitting experience; ie., Kevin Nickel.

H. Emphasize to judges that all animals are not created equal.

**These contest guidelines are to be e-mailed to all County offices once they are finalized.**

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## **6.0.0 PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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### **6.1.0 BONA FIDE STUDENT (HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL)**

- 6.1.1 A student comes under the jurisdiction of the WHSAA upon completion of eighth grade requirements.
- 6.1.2 The student shall be a bona fide undergraduate member of his/her school. Bona fide is defined as proceeding in a satisfactory manner toward the educational graduation standards established by the member school.
- 6.1.3 Every student who represents his/her high school in interscholastic activities must be in attendance in that high school in which he/she participates or be under an approved, combined school program. Ninth graders who attend a separate junior high may qualify under WHSAA Rule 6.7.1 and 6.7.4.
- 6.1.4 Each member school shall establish participation criteria for all activity participants which may extend beyond, but not supplant the existing WHSAA rules. This criteria shall address specific academic expectations, use of tobacco, substance abuse, acceptable conduct, and all other standards for eligibility.
- 6.1.5 Any student under penalty of suspension, or who is ineligible according to the school criteria for participation or WHSAA regulations, may not participate.
- 6.1.6 Any student who deliberately falsifies information for eligibility purposes, will lose one year's eligibility.

### **6.2.0 SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS (ACADEMIC LOAD)**

- 6.2.1 In order to be eligible for any level of interscholastic competition, a student must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediate preceding semester and received passing grades during that semester in subjects that earn a minimum of 4.0 credits or the equivalent, per year toward graduation.
- 6.2.2 A pupil must be enrolled in not less than 20 class hours of work per week.
- 6.2.3 A pupil must be passing in four solid subjects at the time of contest. A passing grade is considered to be the passing grade of the individual school. As defined, a solid subject meets five days a week or its equivalent for the entire semester and for which one-half Carnegie units are granted.
- 6.2.4 The scholarship eligibility of a transfer student must be established by school records or verification from the sending school. The responsibility for establishing eligibility rests with the receiving school.
- 6.2.50 A student shall not be permitted to make up work after the close of the semester (this includes summer school) for the purpose of becoming eligible. A "condition" or an "incomplete" shall count as a failure. (See Rules 6.2.1-6.2.3, Scholarship Requirements.)
- 6.2.51 The scholastic record at the end of the semester shall be final and deficiencies may not be made up in any manner. Deficiencies, including incompletes, conditions and failures for the previous semester may not be made up during a subsequent semester, summer session, night school, correspondence, or tutoring for qualification purposes.
- 6.2.52 Whenever WHSAA scholarship requirements are in conflict with the OBE (Outcome-Based Education)/Mastery Learning process, that member school shall submit a proposal and request an interpretation from the Commissioner.
- 6.2.60 Students ineligible because of scholastic deficiencies shall not be eligible until in attendance during the first regularly scheduled class of the new semester following the end of the semester for which they were ineligible provided they have met requirements.
- 6.2.61 The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the next semester at which time the immediate preceding semester grades become applicable. EXCEPTION: At the start of the fall sports season, the first semester is considered to have started insofar as this bylaw is concerned.
- 6.2.7 A pupil who is suspended or expelled from high school during a semester and who does not finish the semester is ineligible during all of his/her next semester since his/her record for the previous semester is incomplete.
- 6.2.8 High school students taking college classes will be allowed to count the college classes toward the required four solid subjects/twenty hours of work per week, if the student has the approval of the school.
- 6.2.90 A special education student is eligible to participate upon verification by the student's high school principal that he/she is proceeding in a satisfactory manner towards the educational goals established for him/her.
- 6.2.91 **WHSAA AFFILIATE HOME SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPANT ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**  
  
The Affiliate Home School Student may establish academic eligibility through one of the following:
  - a. Attaining a composite score, not less than the twenty-fifth percentile, on a nationally norm referenced achievement test administered according to the guidelines established by test in question. The test score will be used to determine academic eligibility for one calendar year from the date of the results being received in the WHSAA office from the testing company.
  - b. Grades and assessments given by a teacher currently certified by the Professional Teaching Standards Board meeting 6.2.1 through 6.2.50 above. The certified teacher must have a minimum of twenty (20) class hours of contact with the Affiliate home school student per week.